

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 25, line 12 to read as follows (a marked-up version of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

As described above, the tank holder unit, which includes the tank holder H1500, the flow passage forming member H1600, the filter H1700 and the seal rubber H1800, and the print element unit, which includes the print element substrate H1100, the first plate H1200, the electric wiring board H1300 and the second plate H1400, are combined by adhesives to form the print head H1001.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 27, line 18 to read as follows (a marked-up version of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

Figs. 6A and 6B show the scanner M6000 upside down to explain its construction.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows (a marked-up version of the Abstract, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus and method are provided to enable high speed printing of an image with high resolution while suppressing degradation of image quality due to white stripes and density variations. In an ink jet printing apparatus using a multi-pass printing system, the same scan print area is divided at a predetermined pitch and the printing duties of the divided areas determined by the thinning out mask pattern are set to different values. In regard to the same scan print area formed by a plurality of the main scans, the divided areas corresponding to the ends of the print head have their printing duties set smaller than those